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Letter from Frank Whitney, Santa Barbara, California, to Anne Whitney, Shelburne, New Hampshire, 1898 August 3

Frank Whitney

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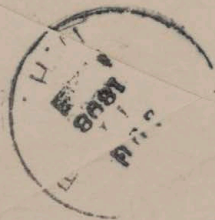
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FROM
FRANK M. WHITNEY,
REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE
SANTA BARBARA, CAL.



Miss Anne Whitney
Shelburne
N. H.





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Santa Barbara, August 3rd 1898.



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Dear Aunt Anne:-

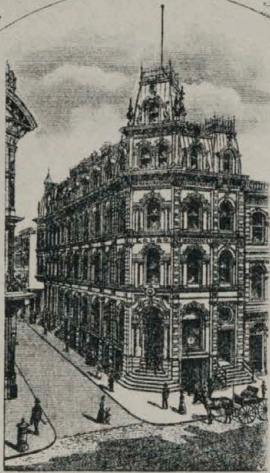
I intended writing you as soon as I reached home but sickness has kept me from it. We reached Santa Barbara on July 19th and had a very disagreeable trip of it too, being eighteen hours late in Los Angeles owing to Arizona washouts.

I have been confined to my bed for several days since I got here and am not yet well but want to let you know about my experience with Mr. Stowe and Charles. When I saw Mr. Stowe he told me that he had just received a letter from you in which you said you understood there was some ready money in the estate also that you had heard that the estate would probably yield, by judicious management, from six to seven hundred thousand dollars. I told him that your information had come through me as I had told you what he had said when I called on him in May. He said that I misunderstood him, that he did not tell me that. You can imagine the position that it put me in. I can say now that it was very unfortunate that there was not a third person present to have heard the conversation. I still assert that he did tell me just what I told you, and am convinced that he is a very singular man to have any business transaction with. I asked why the money that Charles Whitney turned



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into his hands from father's estate had not been returned, he said he was waiting for Mr. Kingsley to tell him who the proper person was to receive it. I told him that Mr. Kingsley was as he was the trustee of the J. S. Whitney estate. When I saw Mr. Kingsley the next week I told him to write Mr. Stowe to that effect which I have since heard he did and the money has been turned over.

I asked Mr. Kingsley what he meant in saying ^{to Mr Stowe that} Charles was right in making the charges he did against our estate. He said and he did

^{he did} not endorse Charles actions, he did endorse him so far as his charges for services for himself went. But he did not approve of Mr. Savage's exorbitant charges. Through Mr. Kingsley I succeeded in getting Charles to agree to turn over one of his Brooklyn houses to the estate at \$14,000. This would pay off the \$5,000. mortgage and also the \$9,000. of the \$14,500. that he owed us. I was not able to stay and see the thing finished up but in a letter that I received from Mr. Kingsley since, he said everything was progressing in a satisfactory way and as soon as the title had been looked into and found correct the deed would be signed. After that Mr. Kingsley has promised to push Charles for the balance (\$5,500.)

We all enjoyed our visit east and I can assure you my visit to

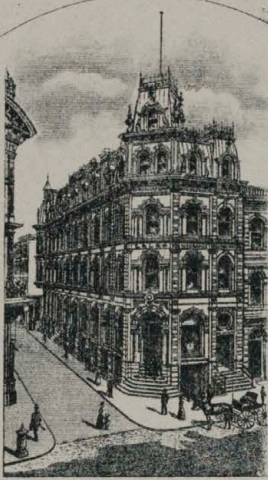
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Shelburne gave me great pleasure and I sincerely hope that you will conclude to visit Santa Barbara this winter so that we may show you what California can do in winter, notwithstanding the dry season we found our garden fresh and green upon our arrival and the plants and shrubs grown so that we hardly recognized our home.

With kind regards to Miss. Manning in which Mollie joins me, and much love to yourself, I am

Your affectionate nephew,

Frank M. Whitney